

COMMON SMARTWEED
Polygonum hydropiper

Located in damp soils, marshes and along shores throughout the Division. Also known as Water-pepper.

An annual herb with reddish stems to 60 cm high. Leaves are lance-shaped, light green and up to 9 cm long; attached directly to main stem by sheath; peppery tasting. Flowers on long, drooping stalks; clusters may be separated; white or greenish; blooming from July through September.

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